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**Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force
MUSIC DIRECTOR OF GREENWICH CHURCH PLEADS GUILTY
TO FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY POSSESSION CHARGE**

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that ROBERT F. TATE, age 64, of Greenwich, Connecticut, pleaded guilty today before Senior United States District Judge Alan H. Nevas in Bridgeport to one count of an Indictment charging him with possession of child pornography.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, on October 16, 2006, the Federal Bureau of Investigation executed a search warrant at TATE's apartment on the property of Christ Church in Greenwich, where TATE served as Music Director. At that time, law enforcement seized a laptop computer and other computer storage devices from TATE's residence. Analysis of the various computer media revealed the existence of between 150 and 300 digital images of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. TATE has admitted that he downloaded the images from the internet.

On November 7, 2006, TATE was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Los Angeles, California, based on a criminal complaint from Connecticut.

"Through the Project Safe Childhood Initiative, the federal government is committed to investigating and prosecuting those who use the internet to receive child pornography, as they create the market for the continued exploitation of children," U.S. Attorney O'Connor stated. "This investigation is ongoing."

Judge Nevas has scheduled sentencing for April 12, 2007, at which time TATE faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Following today's court proceeding, Judge Nevas ordered TATE, who has been detained since his arrest on November, 7, 2006, to be released into the care of a Pennsylvania facility that specializes in treating sex offenders. TATE has posted a bond in the amount of \$500,000,

partially secured by property he owns, and co-signed by six other parties.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force, which includes federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Peter S. Jongbloed and James K. Filan.

The Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force was formed in February 2003 to investigate crimes occurring over the internet. These crimes include computer intrusion, internet fraud, copyright violations, internet threats and harassment and on-line crimes against children. The Task Force also provides computer forensic review services for participating agencies. The Task Force is housed in the main FBI office in New Haven, Connecticut. For more information about the Task Force, please contact the FBI at 203-777-6311.

The U.S. Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood Initiative is aimed at protecting children from sexual abuse and exploitation.

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